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FM AMEMBASSY SAN JOSE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 5657

INFO AMEMBASSY CARACAS IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY PANAMA IMMEDIATE

C O N F I D E N T I A L SAN JOSE 4231

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ENRG, TECH, CS

SUBJECT: ENERGY CRISIS -- REQUEST FOR BONAFIDES ON
JERRY EVANS

REF: SAN JOSE 4222

1. MINISTER OF ECONOMY, INDUSTRY, AND COMMERCE
KOGAN HAS ASKED THE EMBASSY TO DISCRETELY CHECK ON THE
BONAFIDES OF JERRY EVANS, COASTAL STATES, TELEX #
910-881-5507, HOUSTON. KOGAN ON NOVEMBER 26
RECEIVED A CABLE FROM MOLEIRA OF CVP CARACAS (VENEZUELAN
PETROLEUM AGENCY) INFORMING HIM THAT EVANS COULD PROVIDE
100,000 BARRELS OF REFINED GASOLINE. KOGAN TOLD EMBOFFS THAT
EVANS IS ASKING 52 CENTS PER GALLON WHICH KOGAN AND
PRESIDENT FIGUERES FEEL IS EXHORBITANT (I.E., \$2.2 MILLION).
NEVERTHELESS, IN THE SITUATION DESCRIBED IN REFTTEL AND IN VIEW OF
INFORMATION RECEIVED JUST THIS MORNING THAT THE PANAMA
TEXACO REFINERY IS RUNNING IN TO NEW PROBLEMS
MEETING EVEN DECEMBER COMMITMENTS, KOGAN SAID HE
WAS DESPERATE AND MAY BE FORCED TO TURN TO EVANS.

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2. WHEN EMBOFFS SAW KOGAN THIS MORNING HE HAD

RECEIVED WORD FROM THE THREE AMERICAN DISTRIBUTORS THAT THEY
COULD NOT SUPPLY THE EXTRA GASOLINE REQUESTED (REFTEL).
HE SAID HE REALIZED THE LOCAL MANAGERS HAD DONE EVERYTHING
POSSIBLE TO HELP BUT HE REPEATED A NUMBER OF TIMES HIS
FEAR THAT WHEN THE NEWS GOT OUT, AS IT MUST, THERE COULD
BE SOME PUBLIC REACTION AGAINST THE DISTRIBUTORS.

3. WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE IN THE INTEREST OF THE
EMBASSY AND IN THAT OF THE AMERICAN OIL COMPANIES HERE
TO BE AS FULLY AND RAPIDLY RESPONSIVE TO KOGAN'S REQUEST
FOR INFORMATION ABOUT EVANS AS POSSIBLE. SINCE KOGAN
MAY LEAVE THE COUNTRY THIS WEKEND, REQUEST EVERY
EFFORT BE MADE TO RESPOND TO THIS CABLE SOONEST.
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